(b) Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. (REC) has approval from Reserve Bank of India for raising funds from the international market upto US$ 500 million (External Commercial Borrowings) during the fiscal 2009-10. Raising of funds from the international market shall be subject to prevailing market conditions at the time of raising of the same.

(c) and (d) Presently, no ill effects are being anticipated.

Rural electrification in Rajasthan

3514. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has sent schemes for approval under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) if so, the schemes approved so far and the schemes which are still pending;

(c) the amount to be allocated to the State under RGGVY for 2009-10;

(d) by when all the sanctioned schemes and pending schemes in the State under RGGVY would be completed; and

(e) the cost escalation due to the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Rajasthan Government had sent 40 projects for approval under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). 25 projects have been sanctioned in X Plan and 15 projects have been sanctioned in XI Plan for implementation under RGGVY. Thus all 40 projects have been sanctioned for implementation and no project of Rajasthan is pending.

(c) There is no upfront allocation of funds for any State under RGGVY. An amount of Rs.15.71 crore has been released during the year 2009-10 upto 30.11.2009 under RGGVY to Rajasthan, Cumulatively, Rs.630.46 crore has been released under RGGVY to Rajasthan upto 30.11.2009.

(d) and (e) All the sanctioned schemes in Rajasthan under RGGVY are likely to be completed by the end of XI Plan period. The final executed project costs would be known only at the time of closure of the projects.

Allotment of gas for power plant in Andhra Pradesh

3515. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the latest status of the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for allotment of 9.5 MM CMD of gas for 3x7 MW gas based combined cycle plant at Nedunoor in Karimnagar district of the State;

(b) the reasons for delay in allotment of required gas; and

(c) by when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) A proposal regarding allotment of 8 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter Per Day (MMSCMD) of gas for commissioning of a new green field gas based combined cycle power project (3x700 MW) at Nedunoor Village of Karimnagar district of Andhra Pradesh was forwarded by Government of Andhra Pradesh to Central Government.

So far, Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has allocated gas to only existing gas power projects (including 2009-10 projects). Further, EGoM in meeting dated 27.10.2009 decided that the requirement of natural gas for plants to be commissioned beyond 2009-10 would be reviewed from time to time by the EGoM for making firm allotments to such plants from the fallback quantity available.

As regards power projects which are in the pipeline, Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has decided that, subject to the availability of gas, necessary allocations from KG D-6 fields will be made to these projects as and when they are ready to commence production.

Power deficit

3516. SHRI M. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's power deficit is set to rise further by 12.61 per cent in FY 2010 as reported in the Business Standard dated 27 May, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government plans to make available requisite quantity of gas to power plants to meet the peak power deficit for 2009-10; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Government proposes to cope with the power demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The power deficit both in terms of energy and peak power for All India for the penod April to November, 2009 was 9.6% and 12.6% respectively as compared to energy deficit of 10.8% and peak deficit of 13.8% during April to November, 2008. According to the estimation made by CEA, the energy and peak deficit in the country in 2009-10 is likely to be 9.33% and 12.61% respectively.

(c) Since the start of gas production from RIL's KG D-6 gas blocks in the month of April, 2009, gas has been allocated to power sector on priority. Gas from KG D-6 block has been allocated by Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) to existing power projects to run at 75% Plant Load Factor (PLF) for plants located in Andhra Pradesh and 70% PLF for Plants located outside Andhra Pradesh. The gas has been allocated on firm basis to those projects likely to be commissioned during 2009-10. All existing gas based power plants and those plants commissioned this year could